

POLICY & RESOURCE COMMITTEE

A Policy & Resources Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 which commenced at 7pm at the Town Meeting Room, The Old Courthouse, George Street, Pocklington.

Present: Cllr Marron (chariman), Cllr Ratcliffe, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Jones, Cllr Perry Cllr Sinton & Cllr Shepherd.

1. The notice of meeting was accepted
 2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sykes & West
- Declarations of Interest
3. There were no declarations of interest made by any member of the council.
 4. Consider closing the meeting. Cllr Spademan proposed the meeting be closed. 2nd Cllr Jones & agreed. Mark Smith who designed our web-site then updated the council on it's current use. It was agreed he would investigate the possibility of the web-site being linked on the external screen at Pocklington Arts Centre. It was hoped bookings could be made on this screen when the centre is closed. It was asked if the Arts Centre web-site and the council's could be linked more closely. It was agreed the imputing of fresh content was the key to attracting more 'hits' so it was suggested councillors should be asked to submit an article about a subject which interests them for inclusion on a regular basis. It was agreed that the directory should be regularly updated with reminders going out every six months. Social media to be updated when articles are placed on the web-site. Mark Smith the price up the extra work and submit.
 5. Consider re-opening the council meeting. Cllr Ratcliffe proposed the meeting be reopened. 2nd Cllr Winterton & agreed.
 6. Cllr Ratcliffe proposed authorising standing orders and direct debits for 2016/2017 for both the Council & Arts Centre. 2nd Cllr Cooper & agreed. (list attached) Cllr Perry proposed accepting the National Pay Award for staff for 2016/2017 as recommended by NALC. 2nd Cllr Ratcliffe & agreed.
 7. Receive an update on the repair of the studio floor at Pocklington Arts Centre. A discussion took place on the actions of a neighbour in blocking the entry to our rear doors and then the fire doors at the side. Councillors thought this was very dangerous and asked that urgent legal advice be given about stopping this practice. It was agreed to explore briefing a solicitor with expertise in the land and access issues.
 8. Consider the final invoice from Hobson & Porter re the refurbishment of Pocklington Arts Centre. The invoice has been submitted to Mason Clark who are currently checking it to accuracy. They are to be asked to complete their work by 8th June. The amount outstanding is £64,000.00

The meeting closed at 9pm